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AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

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Finally, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the super thin lighting element with optical effects device may be used in a variety of applications for increasing the visibility of the lighting element in a dark environment, including a variety of applications in which the optical effects device is attached to the main ~~main~~ object and the range of main objects includes, by way of example, shoes and other footwear, skates, skateboards and other rolling or sliding objects, backpacks, helmets, caps, vests, belts, protective pads, flying objects such as flying discs, vehicles, and other main objects suitable for outdoor use, as well as a variety of applications in which the transparent optical member surrounds the main body to which it is attached, examples of which include clocks, thermometers, gearshift knobs, telephones, and lighted handle grips.

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The material of the optical ~~effect~~ effects device may be polyvinyl chloride (PVC), acrylic, polycarbonate, polyethylene, ABS plastic, silicone, epoxy, rubber, or any other easily worked material which can be made sufficiently transparent to permit passage of light from the light emitting element through the material, and provides a barrier to UV radiation and humidity. By appropriately shaping the optical device, the light from the lighting element can be magnified in order to increase the effective size of the element, or to change the viewing angle. Also, by silk-screening the optical material, or by stenciling it or masking it with a suitable opaque or translucent film or sticker, whether on an outside or interior surface, a variety of light patterns can be obtained which, in combination with the optical effects, can greatly increase the design versatility of the lighting elements, as well as increasing the attractiveness of the device when not lighted. In addition, different electro-luminescent and photo-luminescent material can be combined within the optical device to provide a number of different lighting effects.

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Turning now to the circuitry shown in Figures 7 and 8, which those skilled in the art will appreciate would only be used in the case of an electro-luminescent or other electrical powered lighting element, there being no need to include such circuitry if the lighting element is a photo-luminescent strip, a DC power supply 31 is electrically connected to the lighting element 3 via circuitry which includes a DC/AC converter 401 electrically connected with a transformer 401, transformer 402 being further electrically connected with a function interface 403 and, via parallel connected switch 4, to the lighting element 3. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the battery 19 in this embodiment of the invention can be a rechargeable battery which can be charged by a device having a higher voltage output than the battery's, and that the direct current supplied by DC power source 31 is thus converted into an alternating current of a desired frequency by DC/AC converter 401 and supplied to the transformer 402 for increasing the voltage of the alternating current, and then transmitted from the transformer 402 to the function interface 403. Function interface 403 provides a number of preset or switchable options for turning on the lighting element 23, e.g., steady, flash, sequential or random, and may take any desired form from a simple circuit as illustrated in Figure 10 to a microprocessor, depending on the complexity of the special effects to be exhibited. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the number of options is greatly increased if a multiple element strip such as the one disclosed in copending .S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/305,294 is utilized.

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The optical effects device shown in Figure 14 is similar to that shown in Figures 1-6 but has a shape which is particularly suitable, according to a variation of the embodiment shown in figures 9-13, for the inclusion of two main objects 8 within the transparent optical member, such as an LCD clock and thermometer.